

SENATE BILL 1317

By Bell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,
Chapter 13, relative to the killing of a law
enforcement officer during the commission of a
drug felony.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-202(a), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision:

(4) A killing committed in the perpetration of or attempt to perpetrate any violation of § 39-17-417 of a law enforcement officer who was engaged in the performance of official duties, where the defendant knew or reasonably should have known that the victim was a law enforcement officer engaged in the performance of official duties.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-202(b), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(b) No culpable mental state is required for conviction under subdivision (a)(2), (a)(3) or (a)(4), except the intent to commit the enumerated offenses or acts in those subdivisions.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.